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B.T. scales of pay to Hindi pandits.

* 210 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state the qualifications prescribed for Hindi pandits in order to make them eligible for B.T. scales of pay?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Hindi teachers will be eligible for B.T. scales of pay under the following circumstances :—

(1) They should possess the minimum general educational qualification; S.S.L.C. completed.

(2) They should hold an oriental title in Hindi;

(3) they should have received the Pracharak training; and

(4) they should be in charge of Forms IV to VI of High schools and should have worked for not less than 17 hours a week."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" In view of the fact that the Pracharak Diploma has been recognized to be equivalent to the Visharad Diploma of the Dakshina Bharata Hindi Prachar Sabha, will the Government kindly see that those who have obtained the Visharad Diploma and who possess a general qualification of S.S.L.C. and who have had some teacher training (though not like the Pracharak training) are given the B.T. scale of pay? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" These are the prescribed qualifications now. If there are any other alternative suggestions which the hon. Member wishes to make, he may put them in writing and send them to me for scrutiny and examination."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I submit that this matter of qualification and pay of Hindi pandits has been discussed again and again on the floor of the House, and may I request the Government to go into the whole question and see that this Pracharak Diploma course which is not a mere training course, but a combined general and training course is not insisted on and separate schools are started for training Hindi pandits just as is done in the case of Tamil and Sanskrit pandits to render justice to these Hindi teachers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I may confess that I am not conversant with this diploma course and what is contained in it. But as the hon. Member himself said, this matter has been examined by Government repeatedly and I do not think there is need for further examination."

Number of basic elementary schools in Tanjore district.

* 211 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of basic elementary schools in the Tanjore district;

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excess payment in respect of any item or if there is a wrong payment we order recovery of the excess grant made. But in certain hard cases, we consider the position and order waiver of the recovery."

Pracharak Diploma Qualification for Hindi Pandits.

* 225 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindi Pandits who are mere holders of the Visharad degree of the Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha are required to obtain the Pracharak Diploma to make themselves fully qualified teachers; and

(b) if so, the need for such a step in the light of the answer to unstarred Legislative Council Question No. 3 given on 2nd December 1954?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (a) & (b) A Hindi teacher should possess a qualification in Hindi a minimum general educational qualification and a training qualification. The Visharad Diploma of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha or its equivalent is only a qualification in Hindi while the Pracharak Diploma awarded by the Sabha is reckoned both as a Hindi qualification and as a training qualification. The answer to Question No. 3, dated 2nd December 1954 gives only equivalents of Hindi qualification and not the other qualifications."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI:—" Am I to understand, Sir, that the Government will be satisfied if a Hindi teacher possesses besides the Hindi qualification some training as higher grade or secondary grade or pandit's training?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" No, Sir, We have prescribed the qualifications. The candidates must possess both the ordinary qualification and the training qualification in Hindi."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI:—" Sir, is there not a departmental order that any teacher's training qualification will do for the purpose of appointment as Hindi Pandit? I have already expressed my opinion in the House that this Pracharak diploma training is not a mere training but a combined general and training course, something like M.A. combined with training. Will the Government, therefore, start a separate training course for these pandits as they have got for other language pandits?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" I have already said, Sir, that the Pracharak Diploma training not only enables the candidate to acquire a knowledge of Hindi but also serves as training for appointment as teacher. It contains both the things. The suggestion of the hon. Member that separate training courses should be started will however be considered."

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Termination of the services of Hindi Pandits in High schools in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 226 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Hindi Pandits sent out of the various High schools in the Tiruchirappalli district in July and August 1954;

(b) the number of such Pandits with a service of over two years in the same school; and

(c) the reasons given by the Agencies for such termination of service?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) 7, Sir.

" (b) 6, Sir.

" (c) All the seven teachers did not possess the prescribed qualifications."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, is it a fact that the seven teachers who were sent out were from the District Board schools? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is correct, Sir."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know Sir, why these teachers were sent out in the middle of the year when they could not get employment anywhere else and without sufficient notice? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have no idea. It is a District Board School. We do not know whether they were sent out in the middle of the academic year or at the end of it. They had been employed on a temporary basis till properly qualified pandits were available."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" As there are sufficient provisions in the rules—which are also applicable to the District Board schools—which enable the management to depute the pandits for the Pracharak Diploma training and not throw them out of service, will the Government issue instructions to the local bodies and aided schools to see to it that such persons are sent for training and not removed from service because trained men are available? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The District Boards should have a certain amount of autonomy. They should be able to decide what they could do in such cases. We have prescribed the qualifications and it should be left to the District Boards whether to send the teachers for training or to recruit already trained candidates."

Progress of the Manimuthar Project.

* 227 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to lay on the table of the House a detailed statement showing the progress of the Manimuthar Project and the expenditure incurred thereon so far?

Government consider the feasibility of having it on the West Coast, preferably in the Malabar district, especially in view of the fact that there is already one hospital near Karaikudi, that is, in the nearby Madurai district? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" All these considerations will be taken into account, Sir."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I suggest that the Government consider the advisability of having a medical college in every district headquarters and getting the co-operation of the people in financing the starting of these colleges? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" We feel so much difficulty in starting one more medical college in the State. Where is the question of starting a medical college in each district headquarters? I am afraid, it is a very big question."

Introduction of Tamil as the official language

* 263 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to introduce Tamil as the official language; and, if so, when?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" No, Sir."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" மொழியை அடிப்படையாகக்கொண்டு ஒரு மாகாணம் ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்டால் இந்த சென்னை மாகாணத்தில் தமிழ் மொழியை அரசாங்க மொழியாக்க ஏற்பாடுகள் செய்வார்கள் அல்லவா? அதற்கு இப்போதே இந்த தமிழ் மொழியை அரசங்கா மொழியாக ஏற்படுத்துவதற்கு வேண்டிய பிரயத்னம் செய்வார்களா? "

THE HON. SRI M, BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" தாய் மொழியை அரசாங்க மொழியாக ஆக்குவது நல்லது என்பதில் எந்தவிதமான அபிப்பிராய பேதமும், தடங்கலும் சர்க்காரை பொறுத்த மட்டிலும் இல்லை. ஆனால் எப்போது எதை எப்படிச் செய்வது என்பதைத்தவிர இதை பிரச்னையாக எடுத்துக்கொண்டு சர்ச்சை செய்ய வேண்டாம் என்பது அரசாங்கத்தின் வேண்டுகோள்."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" இந்தியா பூராவும் ஹிந்தியை 15 ஆண்டுகளில் அரசாங்க மொழியாக்க வேண்டுமென்று ஒரு சட்டம் இருந்தாலும்கூட மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தின்கீழ் வேலை செய்யக்கூடிய சிப்பந்திகள் கட்டாயமாக ஹிந்தி தெரிந்திருக்கவேண்டுமென்று யூனியன் ஸர்வீஸ் கமிஷனால் சொல்லப்படுகிறது. இனிமேல் இந்த அரசாங்கமும் மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தோடு ஹிந்தியிலே கடிதப் போக்குவரத்துக்கள் இருக்க வேண்டுமென்று சொன்னால் நம் அரசாங்கத்தின் நிலைமை என்னாவது? "

THE HON, SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" இந்திய அரசாங்கம் கொடுத்திருக்கும் 15 ஆண்டு கெடு போதாது என்றுதான் சொல்ல வேண்டி யிருக்கும். எதையும் அவசரப்பட்டு செய்தால் அது கஷ்டமாகத்தான் இருக்கும். அதையெல்லாம் உத்தேசித்து எதையும் கவனித்து எப்படிச் செய்யவேண்டுமோ அந்த மாதிரியாகத்தான் செய்யவேண்டும்."

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SRI A. SUBRAMANYAM :—" அடுத்த பொதுத் தேர்தலுக்குள்ளாக வாவது இந்தச் சட்டசபையில் தமிழை ஆட்சி மொழியாகக் கொண்டு வருவார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" அடுத்த பொதுத் தேர்தல் என்று கெடுவைக்கவேண்டியதில்லை. ஆட்சி மொழியாகச் செய்வது என்பது இல்லை. நாம் இப்பொழுதே தமிழைத்தான் நடத்தி வருகிறோம். சர்க்கார் காரியாலத்திலே கூடியவரை தமிழில்தான் நடத்தப்பட்டுவருகிறது. அதையெல்லாம் சர்க்கார் படிப்படியாக எப்படி விருத்தி செய்யவேண்டும் என்பதைத்தான் ஆலோசனை செய்து கொண்டு வருகிறது."

SRI A. SUBRAMANYAM :—" இங்கு வழங்கப்படும் அறிக்கைகளை யெல்லாம் தமிழிலேயே கொடுப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முன்வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" தமிழிலே கொடுப்பது என்பது சரியில்லை. ஆனால் இங்கு இருக்கும் அங்கத்தினர்கள் யாரே னும் புரிந்துகொள்ள முடியவில்லை யென்று தெரிவித்தால் அதற்கு அரசாங்கம் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்கள்."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" தமிழ் மொழியில் கொடுக்கவேண்டு மென்று கேட்பது பிறமொழிகளைப் புறக்கணிப்பது என்று அர்த்தம் அல்ல. பெரும்பான்மையான மக்கள் தமிழ் அறிந்த மக்களாக இருப்பதால் தமிழ் மொழியில் அறிக்கைகளை சமர்ப்பித்தால் நல்ல முறையில் சபை நடக்கவும் முடியும். அதை உணர்ந்து அதற்கு வேண்டிய ஏற்பாடுகளை சர்க்கார் செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" அதை அரசாங்கம் உணர்ந்திருக்கிறது. இப்பொழுது எல்லா காரியங்களையும் தமிழ் மொழி யிலேயே செய்யவேண்டுமென்றால் அதிக சிரமம் இருக்கிறது. இப் பொழுது காரிய சாத்தியம் அல்ல என்றுதான் சொன்னேன். சாதாரண மாக தாலூகா காரியாலயத்திலும் பிர்க்கா காரியாலயத்திலும் கூடிய வரை நோட்டீஸ் முதற்கொண்டு எல்லாம் தமிழில்தான் அனுப்பப்படு கின்றன. அதை விருத்தி செய்ய முயற்சி எடுப்பதுதான் அரசாங்கத் தின் விருப்பம்."

Caterer for the nurses at their quarters attached to the General Hospital, Madras

* 264 Q.—DR. V. K. JOHN (on behalf of Dr. A. Sreenivasan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a caterer for the nurses at their quarters attached to the General Hospital, Madras; and

(b) if the answer to clause (a) is in the affirmative, when, by whom and on what terms he was appointed?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The present caterer was selected by the Dean, Government General Hospital, Madras, in August 1951 after inviting tenders. He is being continued till now. As regards the terms governing the running of the mess, a statement [a] is placed on the table of the House."

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know if there are any contracts entered into without calling for tenders? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" We call for tenders."

[a] Printed as appendix on pages 762-763 infra.